

3061 Eastland Road,
Muskegon, Mich.
June 26, 1968

Mr. Harvey Galford, Chairman,
Pioneer Days,
Slaty Fork, W.Va. 26291

Dear Mr. Galford,

I read with great interest in The Pocahontas Times of Pioneer Days coming up there next month. Being a granddaughter of Pocahontas County, and being at this point engaged in writing a book about the county's earliest days, I have more than just a passing interest in the events about to transpire.

My great-great-great-great-grandfather, James Ewing, was one of the earliest settlers of Pocahontas County. As I understand it, he had lands there as early as 1750, for his name is mentioned in an old Lewis survey of 1751, and that was back in the days when Knapp's Creek was known as Ewing's Creek (so listed on early maps). His two sons, William Ewing and John Ewing (known in those parts as Swago Bill and Indian John) had lands on Swago and Stony Creeks respectively and it was there that they raised (between them) 23 children. William Ewing was with Capt. John Stuart at the Battle of Point Pleasant in 1774 and with Capt. Matthew Arbuckle at the fort in 1777 when Chief Cornstalk was killed.

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By 1810, the area, which ~~saxky~~ had teemed with Ewings, was pretty much devoid of them, for in 1802 Indian John and most of his family had moved on to Gallia County, Ohio, and his brother, William, followed suit in 1810. Two sons of John remained in Pocahontas County however and I understand there are still descendants living on the very land on Stony Creek where John Ewing resided nearly 200 years ago. William sold his ~~245~~ 745 acres on Swago Creek to Sampson Mathews in 1812, whose family, the McClintics, live there still.

My grandfather, A.E. Ewing of Grand Rapids, Mich., was very proud of his Pocahontas County roots, and being very much the historian, wrote many articles of an historical nature for the Pocahontas Times during his lifetime. He and the then editor, Calvin W. Price, became firm friends through their exchange of letters. It is this valuable information that I am using as the basis for my book on James Ewing and his descendants. Beyond that, however, I have gone into deep study on the county's early years ---a subject I've found to be fascinating.

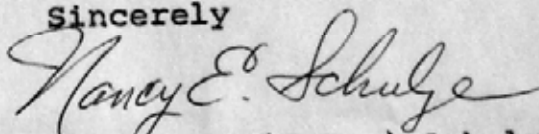
That is why I am so interested in the Pioneer Days coming up. I regret so much that I will be unable to be there, but I shall be following it all closely in The Pocahontas Times. And I do want to take part by long distance. I am enclosing \$1 for the Souvenir Badge, and I would be pleased to receive the souvenir program mentioned, if you will tell me the cost. I would like to hear more particulars

about the sale of old newspapers mentioned in the flyer accompanying my last issue of the Times ...and in fact particulars on anything of an historical nature coming up during Pioneer Days.

And at the same time I would be very much interested in hearing from descendants of other pioneers of early Pocahontas County, if you know of such. The Sharps, some Johnsons, McNeels (McNeil, McNeal, ~~McNeel~~ McNeill etc.) Buckleys and Moores are all relatives.

I wish you much success in your Pocahontas County Pioneer Days.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy E. Schulze". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Nancy Hanks (Ewing) Schulze